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UM ANNOUNCES COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES DEAN

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Jerry Fetz has accepted the position of dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at The University of Montana, Provost Lois Muir announced Monday.

Fetz served as dean of UM's Davidson Honors College before becoming interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in summer 2003.

He received his Bachelor of Arts degree with honors from Pacific Lutheran University and Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Germanics from the University of Oregon. He also studied at the universities of Heidelberg and Munich in Germany.

Fetz came to UM as a German instructor in 1970 and was promoted to professor in 1983. Throughout the past 34 years, he has served in a variety of administrative and faculty positions at the University, including chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, special assistant to the president, director of several Study Abroad programs, and chair of the Faculty Senate.

He was selected as a Fulbright Visiting Exchange Professor in 1990 and was given the German Friendship Award in 1998 by the Federal Republic of Germany. His honors at UM are numerous, including the Administrative Service Award in 2002, the Distinguished Service to

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International Education Award in 1996 and the Distinguished Teaching Award in 1988.

Off campus, Fetz has served as chair of the Montana Committee for the Humanities and president of the Missoula Cultural Council. He also has served on the national executive councils of the American Association of Teachers of German, the German Studies Association and the National Federation of State Humanities Councils. His teaching and scholarly publications have focused on German-language literature and culture of the 20th century.

Colleagues praise his leadership and abilities, describing him as collegial, creative and even-minded. "Jerry Fetz emerged from a strong pool of applicants," Muir said. "He is an accomplished administrator and superb teacher and scholar. He will provide strong, consistent leadership for the college as it continues to enhance its prominence."

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